

Jesus Christ: Pre-eminent in Our Calling
Colossians 4:7-18

Union with Christ Calls for Communion With One Another

- Genuine Christian community calls for genuine Christian caring
- When Christ is pre-eminent, individuals matter

In a Caring Community, People Communicate/Share Information - Co 4:7-9

- Communication that leads to communion/self-disclosure
- We must be good stewards of the information we receive

In a Caring Community, People Affirm/Encourage One Another - Co 4:8,11

- Not just relating facts, but strengthening hearts
- We are to one another what Jesus is to us

In a Caring Community, People Are Accepting/Welcoming - Co 4:10

- We acknowledge one another's presence
- We create a safe place for repentance, recovery, restitution

In a Caring Community, People Offer Comfort/Healing - Co 4:11

- We work to alleviate one another's pain and suffering
- We can take "strong medicine" from people who are "for" us

In a Caring Community, People Show Deep Concern - Co 4:12-13

- Those who expend themselves for the sake of others
- Those who pay the price so others go free ("bondslave")

In a Caring Community, There Is Accountability - Co 4:17

- Those who do not allow us to avoid our responsibilities
- Those who care enough to confront

In a Caring Community, No One Is Overlooked - Co 4:18